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1. The statement of the status of the claims contained in the brief is incorrect. A correct statement of the status of the claims is as follows:

In section B. 3., B. 5., and in section C. of the Appeal Brief filed 12/8/03 the claim list should be changed to --1 and 17-19--since claim 10 is excluded from the list of claims in Appendix A. Otherwise, if Applicant intends for the current status of the claims to be correct, Appendix A should be revised to include claim 10.

As understood by Examiner, this appeal involves claims 1, 10, and 17-19, and Appendix A should be amended to include claim 10.

2. The appeal brief filed on 12/8/03 is defective because the status of claims and the list of claims in the Appendix A do not coincide.

Appellant is required to comply with provisions of 37 CFR 1.192(c).

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4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Melody M. Burch whose telephone number is 703-306-4618. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (7:30 AM-4:00 PM).

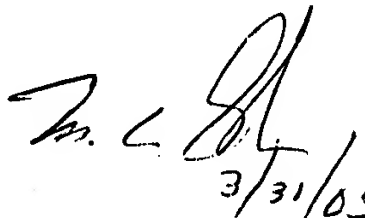
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